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Redefining THE Historic House





Guests enjoying a picnic in the Berkshires countryside near Naumkeag play an interesting version of leapfrog.

Mad for Mavericks

History buffs, home enthusiasts, and explorers: get out and take a trip back in time and visit a historic homestead. This year we're celebrating our "Mavericks"—the independent minded, the free-spirits, the non-conformists, and the eccentrics whose legacies and stories in which our cultural properties are steeped. We're opening 10 of our historic homes around the state on Sunday, May 31 from 10AM–5PM as part of a free "Home Sweet Home" statewide event. The homes range from the Colonial era,

to the Downton Abbey-esque Gilded Age, to the Modernist retro era of Mad Men. Pack a picnic, enjoy a drive along back roads brilliant with early summer hues, and experience up close how people once lived, including the furnishings, decorative arts, and architecture that surrounded them.

For event details, see page 20.

Advocacy Alert

We were excited to announce last fall that Jennifer Ryan joined The Trustees as Director of Policy. Formerly Legislative Director for Mass Audubon, Ryan is a trained conservation biologist and passionate advocate for natural resource protection and connecting people to the land. She will be spearheading policy initiatives that support our mission to protect the special places of Massachusetts.

Ryan's extensive experience in advocating for land conservation, wildlife protection, and addressing climate change is critical to furthering our statewide public policy and advocacy work. By establishing a strong State House presence, building relationships with elected and appointed officials, and partner organizations, Ryan will advocate for issues reflective of The

Trustees' mission. She has identified land protection and climate change as the two main issues areas to engage in for the 2015-16 state legislative session, which began in January. This includes supporting legislation to increase funding to Community Preservation Act communities, weighing in on conservation land and the proposed Northeast Direct natural gas pipeline, and promoting the development of policy and regulatory tools needed to help Massachusetts manage impact to coastal areas caused by a changing climate, while protecting habitat and shoreline access.

We are thrilled to share that we have received a generous \$225,000 commitment to our Policy Program from Trustees' champion and Board member, Ted Ladd. With a matching challenge, the gift is an opportunity for us to make twice



Coastal erosion on Wasque on Martha's Vineyard.

the impact with our important advocacy activities. Over the next 24 months, we will work to secure matching funds to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Policy Program and to maximize its effect. These resources will allow us to implement an effective program; we are grateful for, and humbled by, Mr. Ladd's generous involvement with The Trustees.



Shorebird Update

With more than 26 miles of critical coastal habitat, The Trustees' Shorebird Protection Program plays an important role in sustaining both breeding and migratory shorebird populations in Massachusetts. Once on the verge of extinction, Piping Plovers are now on the road to recovery.

In 2014, our stewardship helped 52 Piping Plover pairs fledge (that is, raise chicks that can fly) 73 chicks. The

Trustees' goal is to fledge at least 1.25 chicks per pair—the number needed to sustain and grow the population. We continue to make traction: last year Piping Plovers raised 1.4 chicks per pair on Trustees' beaches. Sharing our resources with wildlife is something that makes our places so special. This season, look for fencing enclosures on Trustees' properties as we continue this important work.

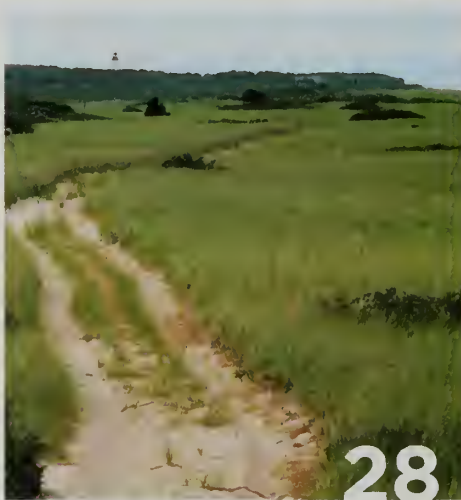
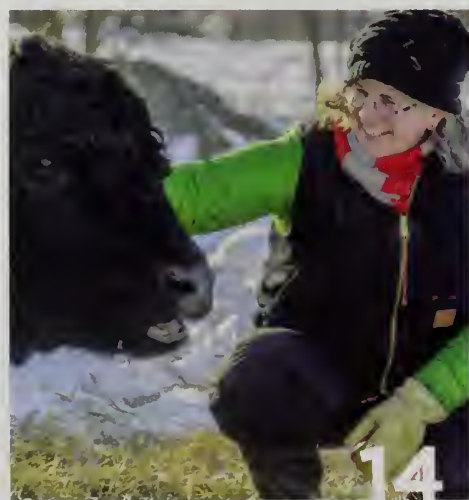
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ON THE TRAIL

Signs of spring are everywhere as we go to press with this issue: days are longer, spirits are lighter, temperatures a bit milder and the budding trees signify winter's end.

And what a winter it has been! Record-breaking snowfall has given us days spent cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and enjoying the brilliant beauty of The Trustees' snow-covered landscapes. The care and stewardship of our special places is a year-round responsibility, and I thank our wonderful staff and network of volunteers for all they have done to keep our properties in pristine condition for members and visitors to experience the splendor of winter.

Spring is the perfect time to plan a visit to our cultural properties. These properties have incredible potential to inspire. If walls could talk, the stories of the owners, the staff, and the visitors would delight, motivate, and potentially scandalize us all. A shift has occurred in our society; while heritage and cultural travel is increasing, the number of visitors to historic sites is decreasing. At The Trustees, we believe

it is our mandate to bring these places to life, to make them relevant again. By learning from our peers in this work and leveraging the expertise of our staff, we are developing a strong foundation to do just that. I encourage you to read the article on historic houses, and to visit these properties, which cannot be treated as treasures in the attic but as living spaces that connect us to our heritage.

As we start to again feel the sun on our skin, I am reminded of the restorative powers of the outdoors. With the new season upon us, this issue of *Special Places* is full of ideas to take advantage of warmer weather and lengthening days. From starting container gardens to exploring lesser-known reservations, from learning a new skill through volunteering to tours and programs, spring awaits!

Barbara Erickson

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President & CEO

COVER PHOTO:

The Crane Estate, Ipswich

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Launch Pad

The Trustees breathe new life
into historic homes.

BY JEFF HARDER

HISTORIC HOUSES ARE MONUMENTS TO OUR SHARED HERITAGE. THEY HARBOR ANTIQUE COLLECTIONS, EMBODY PERIOD ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN, AND THROUGH THEIR DOMESTIC INTIMACY, THEY SERVE AS WINDOWS TO TIME GONE BY.

But while the houses themselves remain vital as ever, the conventional historic house museum tour is becoming a thing of the past for The Trustees. “We have such great stories to tell because of the rich histories of these properties, but many times, just having a guide speaking to a group doesn’t bring out the most in those stories,” says Mark Wilson, Curator of Collections and West Region Cultural Resource Specialist.

Instead, The Trustees have begun rethinking how the public connects with historic places like Naumkeag, the Great House at Castle Hill, and the William Cullen Bryant Homestead. And with an evolving lineup of new programming—from presentations that highlight a home’s lesser-known residents to self-guided tours to special events—alternatives to standard-issue tours have generated fresh interest in these classic dwellings. “The idea of passively listening and absorbing information isn’t the way people learn anymore,” says Danielle Steinmann, Director of Visitor Interpretation. “It’s about opening things up, and it requires a different approach.”

In the years around America’s Bicentennial, house museums drew streams of guests eager to follow guides from one cordoned-off room to the next, glimpsing centuries-old artifacts and absorbing history along the way. But a generation later, attendance at historic homes has dwindled across the country, largely because the 45-minute-tour-Monday-through-Friday model has grown stale. “It’s easy to look at house museums as static things that don’t change, like ‘I visited that place in third grade. I don’t have to go back again,’” Steinmann says.

Other organizations, like the Historic House Trust of New York City and the National Trust in the United Kingdom, are embarking on the same mission as The Trustees: adapting the visitor experience to an on-demand world and making historic homes relevant again. “We’re used to 500 TV channels: if we don’t like something, we click on something else,” says Chief Marketing Officer Matt Montgomery. “It’s about giving people options, and we’ve begun introducing more formats for people to experience

OPPOSITE: Care for a dance? Plenty did at The Roaring Twenties Lawn Party at Castle Hill this past summer, hosted by Boston Swing Central and The Trustees.



FROM LEFT: The stunning library at Castle Hill is a stop on a revamped guided tour, and lively Naumkeag at Night events welcomed a new audience.

these sites. Even if you still want to go on a traditional historic house tour, you might have four or five options available.” Take Castle Hill in Ipswich, for example: along with guided tours of the Great House, visitors can explore the wonders of the surrounding property on foot or by golf cart during landscape tours, or order food at the Castle Hill Café and picnic on the rolling hills of the Grand Allée.

And last summer, this new ethos came to life in Stockbridge when Naumkeag inaugurated its self-guided tour. Essentially, instead of following a docent on a schedule, visitors can meander inside this 44-room, Shingle-style “cottage.” Ropes were taken down and pushed back, giving guests ample space to explore a collection that encompasses some 5,000 books, 200 pieces of Chinese porcelain, early-19th-century antique furniture, and artwork from around the globe. Instead of offering top-down tour narratives, guides reach out to visitors to answer questions and engage in conversation. Whether a visitor lingers for hours or takes a glance en route to the eight acres of landscaped gardens under restoration outside—which has its own, separate audio tour—is up to them, Wilson adds. “They’re experiencing the house through their own eyes and on their own schedules.”

Additionally, Naumkeag has hosted Apples & Pears: Upstairs-Downstairs, a series

of behind-the-scenes tours that looks at the storied home through the eyes of the butlers, farmers, and housekeepers who lived with and worked for the Choate family. Castle Hill’s Hot & Cold Tours follow a similar course, giving a basement-to-roof view of the Great House from the servants’ vantage point—like a glimpse of the boiler room, where a worker shoveled coal around the clock to heat the home during the coldest months. By presenting these storied houses from the perspectives of ordinary people, they become newly relevant to us today, Steinmann says. “Most of us don’t live like the Crane family,” she adds, laughing.

One-off special events have also been proven draws for new visitors. Last summer, Castle Hill held a 1920s-style swing dance on the Grand Allée, featuring Boston Swing Central. In Concord, the Old Manse opened its doors and joined dozens of Commonwealth cultural institutions in offering no-cost admission during Free Fun Fridays. And at the Ashley House in Sheffield, actress Tammy Denease played the role of Elizabeth “Mum Bett” Freeman—a once-enslaved Berkshires woman who successfully sued for her freedom—and delivered a compelling monologue as part of the annual Mum Bett Day Celebration.

Along with overhauling programming, The Trustees have seized opportunities to acquaint visitors with historic homes that

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— MARK WILSON

typically remain closed to the public, like the William Cullen Bryant Homestead in Cummington. Instead of opening the Victorian cottage on a daily basis, the home hosts occasional readings, lectures, and other events that tie into Bryant's 19th-century endeavors as a poet, newspaper editor, and abolitionist. After a University of Massachusetts Amherst professor delivered a talk about Bryant and his local abolitionist peers in the area, she mentioned to Steinmann the significance of speaking about Bryant in the place where he lived and wrote. "It provides that atmosphere, that authenticity that you really can't get in a classroom," Steinmann says.

Besides opening these homes on a limited basis, The Trustees have devoted more attention to caring for the collections within their walls—an undertaking that's been both a joy and a challenge, according to Christie Jackson, Senior Curator for The Trustees. Take Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover, for instance, where the dresser drawers are filled with its previous occupants' clothing. "I love that a sense of the family's presence is still there, and I love that there's history in that dresser drawer," Jackson says. "But as a curator, I'm worried about how that acidic wood might be interacting with those really fine linen objects." There are a host of solutions depending on the home and the object, like special containers and archival supplies, UV filters that minimize

light infiltration through windows to mitigate fading on antique textiles, even simple box fans to improve airflow and prevent mold. "The challenge for me is caring for those objects in a way that won't harm them while they're being displayed," Jackson adds. "I love that we have to be a little creative because of that."

The Trustees' efforts to connect visitors with their historic homes are works in progress—and there's more to come in 2015, including the celebration of our "mavericks" at our Home Sweet Home events, which will focus on the free-spirits whose legacies and stories infuse our cultural properties. Early feedback from visitors suggests these new experiences have

been warmly received. Instead of leaving after a tour, Wilson says, folks are spending long parts of their day at Naumkeag and elsewhere. A recent survey of visitors to the Old Manse, Naumkeag, and Castle Hill showed 99 percent would recommend those sites to others. And ultimately, when more visitors form tighter bonds with these homes, they help secure their future. "It encourages a sense of ownership," Steinmann says. "The homes become part of our collective cultural heritage, and you want to help keep them going for future generations. In a way, it becomes your home, too." ■

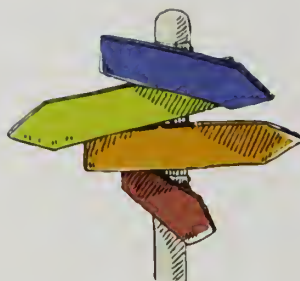
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Time to Get Away?

- The Guest House at Field Farm
Williamstown
- Inn at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate
Ipswich
- Tully Lake Campground, Royalston
- Dunes' Edge Campground
Provincetown

Visit www.thetrustees.org for details.



Off the Beaten Path

SPRING FORTH AT 30 LESS-TRAVELED DESTINATIONS.

BY MATT HEID

The Trustees protect more than a hundred properties and reservations, yet many visitors never explore beyond a handful of popular locations. This spring, take a step onto a lesser-known property—and discover the vast potential for outdoor fun and adventure across the state.

TAKE A HIKE

Stretch your winter legs into fair-weather form on a hike at these expansive properties.



Old Town Hill (Newbury) Explore a tidal environment and enjoy panoramic views of the 25,000-acre “Great Marsh,” the largest in New England.

Ward Reservation (Andover and North Andover) Visit a quaking bog, connect three major promontories, and reflect at the “Solstice Stones” on Holt Hill, the highest in Essex County.

Malcolm Preserve (Carlisle) Discover the gateway to 1,200-acre Estabrook Woods, a Harvard research forest traversed by miles of trail in use since Colonial times.

Noon Hill and Shattuck Reservation (Medfield) Link two adjoining properties on a journey around tranquil Holt Pond, through a diverse woodland world, and atop view-rich Noon Hill.

Moose Hill Farm (Sharon) Go on a quest for rare mature chestnut trees, abundant deer and wild turkey, and dramatic views atop 466-foot Moose Hill.

Brooks Woodland Preserve (Petersham) Immerse yourself in a vast forested expanse laced by streams, pocked with boulders, and rich with wildlife.

Swift River Reservation (Petersham) Revel in the mellifluous beauty of the Swift River and witness the remains of colonial-era history on seven miles of peaceful trails.

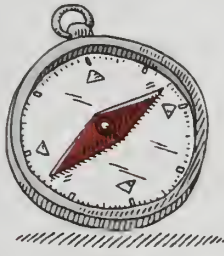
Royalston Falls (Royalston) Peer into a rocky grotto infused with the sight and sound of tumbling Royalston Falls as you hike a portion of the 22-mile Tully Trail.

Bullitt Reservation (Ashfield) Hike to the dramatic ledges and falls of popular Chapel Brook Reservation via the scenic and lightly-used Two Bridges Trail.

Field Farm (Williamstown) Find caves, sculptures, and mountain views on the four-mile trail network of this singular property.

EXPLORE NATURE

Discover the exceptional natural diversity of Massachusetts, from tidal rivers to earth-splitting gorges, flowering woodlands to offshore islands.



Halibut Point (Rockport) Stand atop granite slabs battered by ocean surf and survey a coastal scene rich with bird life and rock-quarry history.

Agassiz Rock (Manchester-by-the-Sea) Contemplate the forces of Nature as you stand beside colossal granite boulders transported here by the mighty glaciers of the last Ice Age.

Westport Town Farm (Westport) Explore one of the largest brackish tidal marshes in the state, nourished by the Westport River, where you can find ospreys, gulls and wading birds stalking crabs and small fish in the marsh.

Norris Reservation (Norwell) Witness the ebb and flow of Nature as the North River reverses direction twice daily in response to the changing tides.

Bear's Den (New Salem) Seclude yourself beside a woodland pool fed by a tumbling cataract of the Swift River.

Elliott Laurel (Phillipston) Walk among the sights and scents of spring as flowering thickets of mountain laurel infuse the surrounding woodlands.

Quinebaug Woods (Holland) Join the lively community of water-loving species that call the Quinebaug River area home, including salamanders, frogs, beavers, and a range of birdlife.

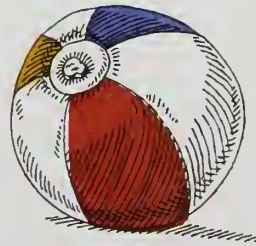
Chesterfield Gorge (Chesterfield) Marvel at the Westfield River as it rushes through a striking chasm hemmed by 70-foot-high walls of ancient rock.

Glendale Falls (Middlefield) Listen to the roar of Glendale Brook as it hurtles over rock ledges to form one of the highest and longest waterfalls in Massachusetts.

Dry Hill (New Marlborough) Loop through a woodland landscape that encapsulates much of the region's diversity, including wetlands, vernal pools, and rustling oak woodlands.

FAMILY FUN

Let the kids run free and connect with the natural world at these family-friendly, activity-rich locations.



Crowninshield Island (Marblehead) Stride off the mainland at low tide to access five acres of island tranquility, including saltwater pools, sandy strands, and a picnic-perfect lawn.

Coolidge Reservation (Manchester-by-the-Sea) Run wild on an expansive oceanside lawn perfect for picnic, play, and enjoying the North Shore's distinctive coastal scenery.

Lowell Holly (Mashpee and Sandwich) Splish-splash away on the shallow, sandy shores of Wakeby and Mashpee ponds, where two family-friendly beaches await.

Dunes' Edge Campground (Provincetown) Spend the night on the tip of Cape Cod, nestled among sand dunes and pines; make reservations now for the 2015 season!

Doyle Community Park & Center (Leominster) Dive into an oasis of natural discovery as you traverse meadows, woodlands, open fields, and formal gardens in the heart of a busy urban world.

Dinosaur Footprints (Holyoke) Transport minds to prehistoric times with the help of more than 100 footprints set down by the mighty reptiles who once called Massachusetts home.

Rock House Reservation (West Brookfield) Scramble among the boulders and mighty stones that form the "house," a large cave-like shelter rich with Native American history.

Cornell Farm (Dartmouth) Juxtapose the sights and sounds of a working farm with the quiet tranquility of a pristine salt marsh in upper Buzzards Bay.

Mount Warner (North Hadley) Step quietly as you look for the abundant frogs and salamanders that come to reproduce here each spring in the seasonal wetlands.

The Mission House (Stockbridge) Open young minds to life in colonial New England nearly three centuries ago at this restored 18th-century home, museum, and replica cobbler's shop.

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Backyard Bounty

TIPS FOR RAISED-BED BUILDING
IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.

BY JACI CONRY



As stewards and managers of five working farms in Massachusetts, preserving farmland has long been a part of The Trustees of Reservations' mission. Devoted to encouraging people to eat locally, three of the farms have Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs designed to give local residents direct access to high quality, fresh produce grown regionally by purchasing a "share" of the crops grown on site.

OPPOSITE: Nataka Crayton and Bobby Walker water and weed at the Bessie Barnes Community Garden in Lower Roxbury.



The community gardens that pepper the Boston landscape boast raised beds aplenty.

Dick uses rot-resistant cedar for the raised beds he and his team create. “When it comes to pots, look for materials that won’t freeze or crack,” he points out.

WHEN TO BEGIN AND WHAT TO PLANT

Start planting crops as early as March. Soil in raised garden beds typically warms earlier in spring than the surrounding earth. It also tends to dry faster so you can get cool-season crops planted sooner, extending the growing season.

“We have raised garden beds throughout the Boston area growing all kinds of vegetables—tomatoes, peppers, greens, onions, garlic,” says Dick.

If you’re looking for vegetable plants that are both delicious and beautiful, Dick notes that eggplants are ornamental and strong. “Chilies add a lot of color and are very prolific. Mixed herbs like Thai basil and cilantro also look lovely in pots and small gardens.”

SOIL

Nutrient-rich soil means fewer struggles for plants and less frustration for the gardener. If you’re planting vegetables in raised beds, Dick says to use natural soil, which tends to be heavy in organic matter. For gardens grown in pots, he recommends using a peat based potting mix, which is well aerated and lightweight, making pots easier to move around. “Peat moss is less stone based so it holds water well—you can sometimes go a couple of days without watering,” says Dick.

To ensure that your soil is healthy, ask the company you purchase it from for a recent analysis of their products. If you’d like to have the soil in your yard tested for contaminants including heavy metals such as lead, and nutrition levels, Dick says to take soil samples from different places in your yard and send it to UMass Amherst’s soil and plant tissue testing laboratory: soiltest.umass.edu/services.

FERTILIZATION

Since gardens in raised beds typically use natural soil, they are high in mineral content and organic matter so it’s only necessary to use fertilizer a couple of times a season. Plants are more constricted when grown in pots, so Dick says you should fertilize every two or three weeks during the growing season. “You can feed them with liquid fish and seaweed products, compost tea, or other liquid fertilizer which can go right in the watering can.” ■

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You don’t need the vast acreage that The Trustees’ farms have—or any yard to speak of, really—to create your own backyard bounty, says Jeremy Dick, Superintendent of the Boston Management Unit for The Trustees of Reservations. The Trustees’ Boston Region works to preserve, expand, and improve urban open space and permanently manages 59 community gardens throughout the city—one of Boston’s largest land trusts.

“You can create a raised bed that’s suitable for growing vegetables anywhere in your yard or on a deck or patio,” says Dick. Pots are also fertile ground for vegetables. “The great thing about raised beds and pots is that using them increases your growing space—you can grow vegetables, herbs, and flowers on hardscapes and in small spaces. They really allow you to do a lot.”

Read on for Dick’s tips on how to create flourishing vegetable gardens in raised beds and pots.

SIZE IT RIGHT

Dick recommends building raised garden beds so they’re about four feet wide by eight feet long. “A bed that size will hold 2 cubic yards worth of soil and average about \$500 or less of materials,” says Dick. Walls should be about two-feet tall. If the walls are slightly below waist level, you can sit on the edges to work the soil and harvest your bounty without having to bend over.



Eating Local With The Trustees

ABOVE: The Appleton Farms carriage barn is a fun and casual setting for some amazing family farm fare.

NEED A LITTLE MORE THAN WHAT THE BACKYARD CAN PRODUCE? THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS OFFERS NUMEROUS WAYS TO EAT LOCAL—AND WELL.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

In return for purchasing a CSA share, you receive vegetables each week throughout the growing season and participate in the farm's pick-your-own crops, including fruits, flowers and herbs—depending on the reservation. CSA shares are available at Appleton Farms (which has a waiting list), Powisset Farm and Weir River Farm.

RETAIL SALES OF LOCAL FOOD

Appleton Farms' dairy store carries cheese, bottled milk, and yogurt produced on the farm; produce grown on the farm; grass-fed beef raised on the farm; and eggs from Appleton chickens. The store also features a wide variety of items from nearby farms and local producers.

Cornell Farm's seasonal farm stand sells produce grown on the farm.

Powisset Farm's farm stand carries produce and pork grown on the farm, as well as a selection of locally produced eggs, meat, honey, jam, and more.

Weir River Farm sells eggs from its chickens and also periodically sells Belted Galloway beef, Tamworth pork, and Icelandic lamb raised on the farm.

The William Cullen Bryant Homestead annually produces a limited run of maple syrup from a maple sugar bush on the property that's been tapped for more than 200 years. The syrup can be purchased in season at Naumkeag and other properties in the West Region.

DINING OUT

Appleton Farms hosts family-friendly farm-to-table dinners, as well as more elegant multicourse tastings in its field. All events feature ingredients that are from the farm or produced locally.

The Castle Hill Café at **The Crane Estate**, Helen's Café at **Notchview**, and the Oak Café at **Naumkeag** catered by the Red Lion Inn all serve up locally sourced items.

PROGRAMS

Appleton Farms and Powisset Farm offers cooking classes that feature ingredients from the farms or produced locally, as will the new Boston Public Market, when it opens this summer.

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Find Yourself, Here

BY MARK WAMSLEY

For the young students fanning out into the woods at Lyman Reserve one afternoon, any doubts about the importance of their task lifted on the wings of the moths.

The volunteers from Fay Academy in Southbridge had just learned the basics of habitat restoration from The Trustees' South Coast Superintendent, Diane Lang. They were in a perfect spot for the lesson. Pine barrens, like those blanketing Lyman Reserve, represent an increasingly rare habitat worldwide. What the 7th graders didn't expect as they put their newfound knowledge to use, carefully thinning and clearing vegetation, were the endangered and strikingly beautiful Barrens Buckmoths that began fluttering about them—a recognition from nature and a lasting memory of good work done in a remarkable place.

Making a difference in the world is voluntary. But for those who take up the challenge, access to The Trustees' 112 properties and diversity of trained and often nationally recognized staff has offered an unparalleled opportunity to make their mark, delve into their passions, and often discover more about themselves in the process.

"Volunteers have always been critical for our success and a core part of our mission," explains Will Malan, Volunteer Programs Manager for The Trustees. "The organization was founded by volunteers. Given that legacy, we view the volunteer experience as a deeper, more meaningful way for the public to experience our properties for their own use and enjoyment."

In addition to hands-on access and time spent in some exquisite places, that "deeper" experience can include instruction in subjects such as farming and gardening, the fine details of caring for historic homes, or the proper way to build and maintain trails. Just as The Trustees care for some of Massachusetts' best gardens and landscapes, the organization seeks to cultivate its volunteers, applying resources of time, patience, and opportunities in order to grow suitable skills. This rich environment is due, in good part, to the dedication and time spent by staff in crafting and managing volunteer positions. From newsletters to the coordination of schedules, to supplying safety training and snacks, supervisors often commit several hours a week to ensure that volunteers' experiences are top-notch and fulfilling.

LEFT: Ann Antonellis and one of her charges at Weir River Farm in Hingham.

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Though most volunteers follow their own, individual paths to The Trustees, the opportunity is also alluring to businesses and organizations like the Fay Academy, where an extensive service-learning program at the school seeks to enrich students through meaningful community service projects that are also skill-building and developmentally appropriate.

Of course, the benefits of volunteerism are mutual. This past year, Trustees' volunteers in 217 positions across Massachusetts logged at least 36,000 hours of time, equaling twenty-nine volunteer tasks recorded for every day, over 365 days of the year.

In one fervent outburst of agricultural enthusiasm, eleven volunteers from Citizen's Bank harvested 2,200 pounds of carrots destined for food pantries and the Powisset Farm CSA—in just three hours. This winter at Notchview, supporters helped remove debris from 25 kilometers of Nordic ski and snowshoe trails after one of the worst, high elevation ice storms in recent memory.

"We only have so many hands-on staff to get things done," says Malan. "Whether help comes from eager novices or skilled professionals, we sometimes just need more to reach our goals."

Although Ann Antonellis has always worked with her hands, she couldn't resist smiling when a mother asked her child to "Wave to the farmer!" one day as Ann helped Trustees' staff prepare fields at Weir River Farm in Hingham. Ann's official volunteer title isn't "farmer," but she is an Assistant Wrangler and devotes nearly a full day every weekend to caring for, moving and sometimes chasing after Weir River's twenty-six cows, assorted pigs and other livestock.

For a professional book conservation technician at Harvard Library, time spent on the farm has allowed Ann to tap into a deep reservoir of personal energy, rooted both in her sense of self and an intrepid alter ego. "Part of me has always dreamed of living a more rural lifestyle," Ann recounts. "Physical work is in my blood and I relish getting out of the city. Although I've never done farm work before, the whole experience just feels so natural to me. I love not only the chores of the day but also the sounds, smells, and all I see, from berries that come into season to the thickness of an animal's coat. Nature is such good medicine."

That sense of wonderment, and the dedication that it brings, has proven enriching to Ann and those she works with. "I've come to understand there's an endless list of tasks on a farm," Ann explains, "from splitting wood to fixing a hook that secures a livestock pen to helping fence an entire pasture. It's wonderful to feel like I'm contributing, and I can tell that the staff sincerely appreciate anything and everything I accomplish."

All volunteers have great value, says Malan, but there's an undeniable upside for those who can offer their help a few times a month, as they often reach a new level of personal satisfaction and efficiency. "Regular volunteers form a deep connection and familiarity with a particular property or office. They also keep their skills up-to-date, which allows us to invest even more in the relationship."

The Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens in New Bedford may be one of the newest Trustees' reservations, but Superintendent Kristin McCullin explains that it already has its share of regulars. At a spectacular location

long renowned for inspiring and educating gardening enthusiasts as well as design and horticultural experts, a group of five garden volunteers has been devoting three hours every Wednesday to help transform an old nursery into an urban oasis. "The group is a perfect fit for our goal to expand Haskell's legacy to serve the greater community," says McCullin. "Most of the team are hobby gardeners, some are retirees, and one is a waitress with free time to offer and an interest in learning."

The crew has been joined by two volunteers, including a retired New Bedford City fleet manager, who helps to maintain the property's tools and vehicles, and a pair of skilled carpenters working to restore and replicate garden structures and ornaments. "The gardens hadn't been loved in a while as their ownership transitioned," McCullin explains. "Love and dedication, especially from volunteers, have been key ingredients in reopening their gates for all to enjoy."

Even without the encouragement of endangered moths flitting about, having such a clear and positive impact is undeniably uplifting.

To find your fit and pursue your passion as a volunteer, visit: www.thetrustees.org/volunteer. ■

Mark Wamsley is The Trustees of Reservations' Public Relations Coordinator for the West Region.



Things To Do

March through
June 2015

Visit www.thetrustees.org
for details on all of our
events and volunteer
opportunities, and to sign up
for our monthly e-mail.



Field to Lunchbox: Creative Solutions for Lunchbox Boredom **GB**

Sunday, March 15 | 2-4PM
Powisset Farm, Dover. 508.785.0339 x3003
ADULT MEMBER & CHILD: \$35.
ADULT NONMEMBER & CHILD: \$50

Berkshire Trails Nordic Race Series: Season Finale Long Tour and Race **B**

Sunday, March 22 | 10AM
Notchview, Windsor. 413.684.0148
NONMEMBERS: \$20; Trustees & Club
MEMBERS: \$10; MEMBERS OF BOTH: FREE

Stop, Look and Listen Tour **NE**

Saturday, March 28 | 1-3PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate
Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Long Point Egg Hunt & Decorating **I**

Saturday, April 4 | 10AM-12NOON
Long Point Wildlife Refuge, West Tisbury
508.693.7662
MEMBER CHILD: \$35.
NONMEMBER CHILD: \$50. ADULTS: FREE.

Easter Eggstravaganza **C**

Saturday, April 4 | 10AM-12NOON
Doyle Community Park & Center, Leominster
978.840.4446 x8870
FREE for members and kids 12 and under.
NONMEMBERS: \$5

Creature Feature: Life in a Vernal Pool **B**

Saturday, April 11 | 10AM-12NOON
Bartholomews Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS: Adult/Child \$5; Family \$15.
NONMEMBERS: Adult/Child \$8; Family \$20.

Girls Who Looked Under Rocks: Hike & Author Talk **B**

Saturday, April 11 | 12-2PM
Petticoat Hill, Meekins Library & Petticoat Hill,
Williamsburg 413.628.4485 x4
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Toad Trek: In Search of Bufo Americanus **NE**

Saturday, April 18 | 7-9PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate
Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: Adult \$10; Child \$5.
NONMEMBERS: Adult \$15; Child \$10.

School Vacation=Staycation! **NE**

Monday, April 20 | 10AM-3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

April Vacation Exploration **I**

Monday, April 20-Friday, April 24 |
10AM-2PM
Long Point Wildlife Refuge, West Tisbury
508.693.7662
MEMBER CHILD: \$3.
NONMEMBER CHILD: \$5. All adults: FREE.

Spring Wonders Vacation Camp **B**

Monday, April 20-Tuesday, April 21 | 9AM-3PM
Field Farm, Williamstown 518-794-6687
MEMBERS: \$125/both days; \$65/one day.
NON-MEMBERS: \$150/both days; \$80/one day.

Patriots Day Open House **GB**

Monday, April 20 | 10AM-5PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Explore the Old Manse: April Vacation Week Kids Tours & Crafts **GB**

Tuesday, April 21-Friday, April 24 |
12NOON-4PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: Adults \$5;
Child (12 and under) FREE.



Dig In! Farmer for a Week at Appleton Farms **NE**

Tuesday, April 21-Thursday, April 23 |

9AM-1:30PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728x18

MEMBERS: \$90. NONMEMBERS: \$120.

Follow Footsteps of a Hermit & His Wild Friends **NE**

Thursday, April 23 | 1-3PM

Ravenswood Park, Gloucester. 978.281.8400

MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Up Close: Live Birds of Prey **PV**

Saturday, April 25 | 1PM-3AM

Bullitt Reservation, Ashfield 413.532.1631 x 10

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MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$15.

Children 12 and under, FREE.

Salamanders and More! Vernal Pool Exploration **PV**

Saturday, April 25 | 10AM-12:30PM

Mount Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x10

MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10

Children (12 and Under) FREE.

May Day Moonlight Hike **PV**

Friday, May 1 | 8:30-10PM

Mount Warner, Hadley. 413.532.1631 x10

MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Mini Moos Tour **NE**

Saturdays, May 2-October 31 | 10-11AM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728x18

MEMBERS: \$10. NONMEMBERS: \$15.

Meet the Cows Tour **NE**

Saturdays, May 2-October 31 | 3-4PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich. 978.356.5728x18

MEMBERS: \$10. NONMEMBERS: \$15.

Wildflower Hike and Vernal Pool Exploration **PV**

Saturday, May 9 | 10AM-12:30PM

Little Tom Mountain, Holyoke

413.532.1631 x10

MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Children (12 and Under) FREE.

Open Barnyard at Weir River Farm **GB**

Saturdays, May 9-October 31 | 10-2AM

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233

MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$3.

Fishing Clinic **C**

Saturdays, May 16-October 10 | 3-4PM

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston

978.249.4957

MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Children (12 and Under) FREE.

Expedition Beaver! **C**

Saturdays, May 16-October 10 | 6-7:30PM

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston

978.249.4957

MEMBER: FREE.

NONMEMBER: \$5. Boat Rental: \$10.

Children (12 and Under) FREE.

Evening Canoe Exploration **PV**

Thursday, May 21 | 5:30-7:30PM

Swift River Reservation, Petersham

978.840.4446 x1913

MEMBERS: FREE.

NONMEMBERS: \$10. Boat Rental: \$10.

Welcome Fire **C**

Fridays, May 29-October 2 | 7-8:30PM

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston

978.249.4957

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Snakes Alive! **NE**

Snake Hunt and Live Snake Show

Saturday, May 30 | 1-3PM

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

978.810.5892

MEMBERS: Adults: \$15, Child: \$10.

NONMEMBERS: Adults: \$20, Child: \$15.

Farm Fiddleheads **NE**

Wednesdays, June 3-24 | 10-11:30AM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich. 978.356.5728x18

Four Sessions: MEMBERS: \$75. NONMEMBERS:

\$90. Fee Includes adult and child.

Music at the Manse Summer Concert Series **GB**

Sundays, June 7-28 | 2-4PM

Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909

MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$15/family.

Spring Campout! **B**

Saturday, June 13-Sunday, June 14

6PM-Following morning

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield

413.229.8600

MEMBERS: Adult/Child \$10; Family max \$25.


NONMEMBERS: Adult/Child \$15; Family \$45.



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www.thetrustees.org/craneparking



TOURS & MORE

Old Manse House Tours GB

Sundays and Saturdays,
March 15–April 19 | 12NOON–5PM
Old Manse, Concord. 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: Adult \$9,
Child (6–12) \$5; Family (2 adults & up to 3
children) \$25.

Old Manse Attic Tours GB

Sundays and Saturdays,
March 15–June 14 | 12NOON–5PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Fire Worship: An Earth Day Celebration GB

Saturday, April 25 | 12NOON–5PM
Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: Adults \$7;
Child (12 and under) FREE.

Pasture to Plate: Cheese Making Tour ME

Sundays, May 3–October 31 | 2:30–3:30PM
Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x18
MEMBERS: \$10. NONMEMBERS: \$15.

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tour I

Friday, May 22–Sunday, May 24 |
10:30AM–12NOON, 1–2:30PM, 3–4:30PM
Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Chappaquiddick
508.627.3599
MEMBERS: Adults \$20; NONMEMBERS: \$25
All Children (15 & under) \$12.

Naumkeag House & Garden Tours B

Saturday, May 23 | 10AM–5PM
Opens for the Season
Daily through mid-October
Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413.298.3239 x3016
MEMBERS: FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adults \$15; Children FREE.

Castle Hill's Great House NE Opens for the Season

Tuesday, May 26 | 10AM–4PM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4049
MEMBER: FREE. NONMEMBER: \$12.

Shorebird Colony Tour I

Saturday, May 30, Sunday, May 31, Saturday,
June 6, Sunday, June 7, Saturday, June 13,
and Sunday, June 14 | 8:30–11AM
Norton Point Beach, Edgartown
508.693.7662
MEMBERS: \$20. NONMEMBERS: \$25. Children \$12.

Cape Poge Lighthouse Tours I

Every day from May 31–October 12 |
10:30AM–12NOON, 1–2:30PM, 3–4:30PM
Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Chappaquiddick
508.627.3599
MEMBERS: Adults \$20; NONMEMBERS: \$25
All Children (15 & under) \$12.

Natural History Tours I

Every day from May 31–October 12 |
9AM–12NOON & 1PM–4PM
Coskata–Coatue Wildlife Refuge, Nantucket
508.228.6799
ADULTS: \$60. MEMBERS: \$40.
CHILDREN (12 and under): \$20.

Beyond the Great House NE

Saturdays, June 6 & 13 | 9:30–11:30AM
Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich
978.356.4351 x4049
MEMBERS: Adult \$10, Children \$5.
NONMEMBERS: Adult \$20, Children \$15.

Home Sweet Home

Sunday, May 31 | 10AM–5PM
Are you a maverick? Who inspires
you to take a stand or go against the
grain? Join us on May 31 to celebrate
the independent minded, the free-
sprits, the non-conformists, and the
eccentrics whose legacies infuse our
cultural properties. From an enslaved
woman who fought for her freedom
to a modern-day horticultural genius,
explore the stories that have helped to
collectively shape our history.
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Naumkeag B
Stockbridge 413.532.1631 x10

The Mission House B
Stockbridge 413.298.3239 x3016

The Ashley House B
Sheffield 413.298.3239 x3016

The Folly at Field Farm B
Williamstown 413.532.1631 x10

The William Cullen
Bryant Homestead PV
Cummington 413.532.1631

The Old Manse GB
Concord 978.369.3909

The Stevens-Coolidge House NE
North Andover 978.682.3580

Paine House at Greenwood Farm NE
Ipswich 978.356.4351

Appleton Farms NE
Ipswich/Hamilton 978.356.5728

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate NE
Ipswich 978.356.4351 x4050

Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens SE
New Bedford 508.636.4693



Light and Bright Spring: NE Flavors of the Farm

Thursday, March 26 | 6-9PM

Friday, March 26 | 6-9PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12

MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Farmstead Cheese Tour NE

Sunday, April 12 | 11AM-1:30PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12

MEMBERS: \$50. NONMEMBERS: \$65

Fairy Shrimp, Salamanders, NE and Frogs, Oh My!

Saturday, April 18 | 1-3PM

Ravenswood Park, Gloucester

978.281.8400

MEMBERS: \$10. NONMEMBERS: \$15.

NatureSnap: Immersion NE Photography Weekend Workshop

Saturday, May 2 & Sunday, May 3 |

6AM-4PM

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

978.356.4351 x4015

MEMBERS: \$220. NONMEMBERS: \$275.

Mother's Day Brunch on the Farm NE

Sunday, May 10 | 11AM-1PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich

978.356.5728 x12

ADULT MEMBERS: \$50. ADULT NONMEMBERS:

\$65. Child (ages 3-12) MEMBERS: \$15. Child

(ages 3-12) NONMEMBERS: \$20. Children under 3: FREE.

Cooking with Herbs and Greens NE

Friday, May 15 | 6-9PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich

978.356.5728 x12

MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Stand Up Paddle Board Lessons

Sundays, May 31-October 3 | 1-3PM

Tully Lake Campground, Royalston

978.249.4957

MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$20.

Watercolor the Landscape B

Monday, June 1-Friday, June 5 |

9:30AM-12:30PM

Field Farm, Williamstown. 413.298.5252

TRUSTEES AND IS183 MEMBERS: \$180.

NONMEMBERS: \$210.

Wilderness Skills for Women and Girls B

Saturday, June 6 | 1-4PM

Notchview, Windsor 413.532.1631 x 10

MEMBERS: \$10; NONMEMBERS: \$15. Kids are 12 and under are FREE.

Lostproofing and The Art of Shelter PV

Saturday, June 13 | 1-4PM

Mount Warner, Hadley 413.340.1161

MEMBERS: \$30/adult, \$10/child w/adult.

NONMEMBERS: \$40/adult, \$20/child w/adult.

Appleton Cooks! Presents: Flavors of the Farm—A Unique Culinary Tour and Tasting Event NE

Saturday, June 13 | 3-5:30PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x12

MEMBERS: \$60. NONMEMBERS: \$75.

Wild Coastal Edibles Workshop NE

Sunday, June 14 | 1:30-4PM

Crowninshield Island, Marblehead

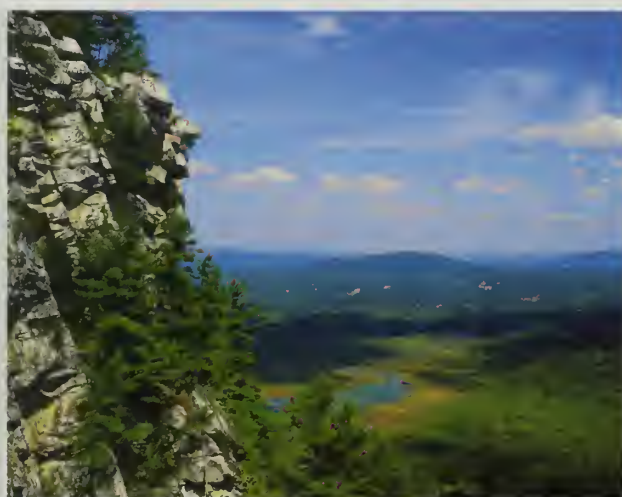
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MEMBERS: \$25. NONMEMBERS: \$40.

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WALKS, TALKS & MORE

Squibnocket Point Walk **GB**

Sunday, March 22 | 1-3PM
Squibnocket, Chilmark 508.693.7662
MEMBERS: FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adult \$10, Child \$3.

Signal Hill **GB**

Conservation Restriction Walk

Sunday, March 29 | 1-3PM
Signal Hill, Chilmark 508.693.7662
MEMBERS: FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adult \$10, Child \$3.

Full Moon and Folklore Hike **NE**

Saturday, April 4 | 7-9PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate
Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

Star Gazing **B**

Saturdays, April 11, May 9, July 18, August 8,
September 19, and October 17 | Dusk
Notchview, Windsor 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Renaissance of Ravenswood **NE**

Sundays, April 12, May 10 and June 14 | 1-3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

From the Farmers: Behind the Scenes Look at Powisset Farm in Spring **GB**

Thursday, April 23 | 5:30-7:30PM
Powisset Farm, Dover 508.785.0339 x3003
MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

Our Amazing Spring Wildflowers: Guided Walk **B**

Saturday, April 25 | 10AM-12NOON
Bartholomews Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS: Adult/Child \$5; Family \$15.
NONMEMBERS: Adult/Child \$8; Family \$20.

Ravenswood Tree Hunt & ID **NE**

Sunday, April 26 | 1-3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Birding in Williamstown **B**

Sunday, April 26 | 7:30AM
Field Farm, Williamstown 413.884.2661
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Last Thursday Trail Race Series **PV**

Thursdays, April 30, May 28,
and June 25 | 6:30-7:30PM
Mount Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Wildflower Walk **B**

Sunday, May 3 | 1-3PM
Field Farm, Williamstown 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Full Moon and Folklore Hike **NE**

Monday, May 4 | 7:30-9:30PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate
Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

First Thursday Mountain Bike Series **PV**

Thursdays, May 7 and June 4 | 6:30-7:30PM
Mount Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Mother's Day with Wildflowers: **B** Guided Walk

Sunday, May 10 | 10AM-12NOON
Bartholomews Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600
MEMBERS: Adult/Child \$5; Family \$15.
NONMEMBERS: Adult/Child \$8; Family \$20.

Tree Peony Preview & Tea Party **B**

Saturday, May 16 | 2-4PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413.298.3239 x3016
MEMBERS: FREE.
NONMEMBERS: Adult \$15; Child FREE.

Lady's Slippers—Beauty & Botany **NE**

Sunday, May 17 | 1-3PM
Ravenswood Park, Gloucester 978.281.8400
MEMBERS: \$5. NONMEMBERS: \$10.

Taste the Pioneer Valley: **PV** Hike & Wine Tasting

Sunday, May 17 | 3-5:30PM
Mount Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: \$25. NONMEMBERS: \$35.

Spring Opening Concert **B**

Saturday, May 30 | 4-6PM
Ashintully Gardens, Tyringham
413.298.3239 x3020
MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$20.

Birds and Birds Songs **B**

Saturday, May 30 | 6-10AM
Notchview, Windsor 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Full Moon and Folklore Hike **NE**

Tuesday, June 2 | 8-10PM
Crane Wildlife Refuge on the Crane Estate
Ipswich 978.810.5892
MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

National Trails Day Celebration: Guided Hike **B**

Saturday, June 6 | 10AM-1PM
Monument Mountain, Great Barrington
413.229.8600
MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Birding Bear Swamp **B**

Sunday, June 7 | 7-10AM
Bear Swamp, Ashfield 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Breakfast with Bobolinks **B**

Sunday, June 14 | 8-10AM
Field Farm, Williamstown 413.532.1631 x10
MEMBERS: \$5.
NONMEMBERS: \$10. Children: FREE.



BOSTON EVENTS

40th Annual Gardener's Gathering

Saturday, March 21 | 11AM-4:30PM
The Egan Center & Shillman Hall,
Northeastern University, 115 Forsyth St,
Boston

Annual Neponset River Greenway Bike Ride

Saturday March 21 | 10AM
Meet at Paul's Bridge parking area,
Brush Hill Road, Milton

Seasons of the Night Sky Hutchinson's Field Stargazing

Wednesday, March 25 | 7-9PM
Governor Hutchinson's Field
Adams Street, Milton MA
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details

Invasive Pull with Fenway Civic

Monday, March 30 | 1-5PM
Location TBD
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details.

Ornamentals in the Edible Garden

Saturday, April 4 | 10AM-12NOON
Edward L. Cooper Community Garden,
24-26 Linwood Street, Roxbury

Vegetable Garden Planning

Saturday, April 11 | 10AM-12NOON
Boston Region Office,
62 Summer Street, 02110

Spring Greens, Roots & Shoots

Saturday, April 18 | 10AM-12NOON
City Natives
30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Grow Your Own Seedlings

Wednesday, April 22 | 1-2:30PM
City Natives
30 Edgewater Drive Mattapan

Neponset River Explorers

Thursday, April 23 | 11AM
Neponset Greenway - Mattapan Milton

Understanding Compost Tour

Saturday, April 25 | 10AM-12NOON
City Soil Composting Site- 416 American
Legion Highway (Zoo Overflow Parking Lot)

Arbor Day Events

Saturday April 25 | 10AM-3PM
Boston, City wide
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details

Arbor Day Festival

Saturday April 25 | Timing and location TBD
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details

Build Soil & Manage Pests

Saturday, May 2 | 10AM-12NOON
Minton Stable Community Garden, Williams St
& Dungarven Rd, Jamaica Plain

Grow & Use Medicinal Plants

Thursday, May 7 | 5:30-7PM
Upham's Corner Branch of the Boston Public
Library
500 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125

Start Your Own Raised Bed Garden

Saturday, May 9 | 10AM-12NOON
City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Vegetable Garden Basics

Saturday, May 9 | 1-3PM
Woolson St. Community Garden, 44 Woolson
Street, Mattapan

Spreading Roots Tree Giveaway

Saturday, May 9 | 10AM-2PM
City Natives Plant Nursery
30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan
*Applications for trees due by Mon. April 27
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details

Spring Festival & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 16 | 10AM-2PM
City Natives
30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Container Gardening

Saturday, May 30 | 10AM-12NOON
City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Spring Foraging Walk

Saturday, June 6 | 10AM-12NOON
Southwest Corridor Park, meeting spot
announced at registration

Charles to Charles Urban Day Hike

Saturday June 6 | 8AM-4PM
Start Charles River Esplanade,
End Millenium Park, West Roxbury
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details.

East Boston Greenway Bike Exploration

Saturday June 6 | 1PM
Bremen Street Park
Bremen Street, East Boston

Healthy Soil & Water-Smart Gardening

Saturday, June 13 | 10AM-12NOON
Rutland Washington Community Garden,
Rutland St & Washington St, South End

Kids in the Garden: Make Your Own Worm Compost Bin

Saturday, June 13 | 1:30-3PM
City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

South End Garden Tour

Saturday June 20 | 10AM-4PM
Start - South End Branch of the Boston Public
Library
685 Tremont Street
\$25 ticket, \$20 advance online purchase.

Mint Family Reunion (Kids welcome!)

Saturday, June 20 | 1:30-3PM
City Natives, 30 Edgewater Drive, Mattapan

Seasons of the Night Sky #2 Hutchinson's Field Stargazing

Wednesday, June 24 | 8:30-10PM
Governor Hutchinson's Field
Adams Street, Milton MA
Email ngrady@ttor.org for more details

Start Your Own Compost Bin

Saturday, June 27 | 10AM-12NOON
Granada Park Community Garden,
23 Granada Park, Jamaica Plain

Unless otherwise noted, all events are
FREE to members and nonmembers. Call
617.542.7696 for more info.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Manse Abroad GB

Saturday, March 21 | 7-8:30PM

Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909

MEMBERS: Adult \$10; Child (12 and under)

FREE. NONMEMBERS: Adult \$25; Child (12 and under) FREE.

Egg-cellent Easter Adventure: NE

Celebrate Spring on the Farm

Saturday, April 4 | 10AM-12PM

Appleton Farms, Ipswich 978.356.5728 x18

MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

Royal Oak Foundation/The Trustees NE

Lecture Series: "Tales of Loss & Redemption: The Country House in the National Trust"

Tuesday, April 14 | 6:30-8PM

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

978.356.4351 x4050

MEMBERS: \$30. NONMEMBERS: \$40.

Earth Day Celebration C

Wednesday, April 22 | 3-5PM

Doyle Community Park & Center, Leominster

978.840.4446 x8870

MEMBERS AND KIDS 12 AND UNDER: FREE.

NONMEMBERS: \$5.

Bioreserve Big Walk SE

Saturday, May 2 | 9AM-4PM

Southeastern Mass. Bioreserve, Fall River

508.636.4693 x5003

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Sheep Shearing Day GB

Saturday, May 2 | 10AM-2PM

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781.740.7233

MEMBERS: FREE. NONMEMBERS: \$3.

National Public Gardens NE

Day at The Stevens-Coolidge Place: A Behind the Scenes Look at How the Gardens Grow

Friday, May 8 | 10AM-2PM

Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover

978.689.9105 x1

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Spring Comes Onward: GB

Lilac Time at Concord's Old Manse

Sunday, May 10 | 2-3:30PM

Old Manse, Concord 978.369.3909

MEMBERS: Adult \$10; Child (12 and under)

FREE. NONMEMBERS: Adult \$15, Child (12 and under) FREE.

"What's It Worth?" Free Appraisal NE

Session with FREEMAN'S Auction

Wednesday, May 13 | 1-5PM

Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

978.356.4351 x 4050

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

The Annual Long Hill Plant Sale NE

Saturday, May 16 | 10AM-2PM

Members-only hour from 9-10AM

Long Hill, Beverly 978.921.1944

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Kayak Fox Creek NE

Sunday, May 24 | 4-6PM

Crane Beach on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

978.810.5892

MEMBERS: \$35 NONMEMBERS: \$50.

The Yard On-Site Dance I

Saturday, May 30 | 2-4PM

Mytoi, Chappaquiddick. 508.627.3599

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Powisset Farm Spring Festival GB

Saturday, May 30 | 10AM-3PM

Powisset Farm, Dover. 508.785.0339

MEMBERS: \$5/car. NONMEMBERS: \$10/car.

Beatles Tribute Concert GB

Sunday, June 7 | 5-7PM

Francis William Bird Park, Walpole

508.668.6136

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: FREE.

Intro to Backcountry Skills GB

Sunday, March 15 | 9AM-3PM

Rocky Woods, Medfield

MEMBERS: \$60. NONMEMBERS: \$80.

Wilderness Survival GB Skills: 3 Season

Saturday, April 4 | 9AM-3PM

Rocky Woods, Medfield

MEMBERS: \$65. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Full Moon Hike GB

Saturday, April 4 | 7-10PM

Sunday, May 3 | 7-10PM

Noanet Woodlands, Dover

MEMBERS: \$15. NONMEMBERS: \$25.

Introduction to Outdoor Photography GB

Saturday, April 11 | 9AM-3PM

World's End, Hingham

MEMBERS: \$65. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Backcountry Navigation with GPS GB

Saturday, April 18 | 9AM-3PM

Rocky Woods, Medfield

MEMBERS: \$65. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Introduction to Mountain Biking GB

Sunday, May 10 | 9AM-3PM

Rocky Woods, Medfield

MEMBERS: \$65. NONMEMBERS: \$85.

Sunset Paddle Tour GB

Saturday, May 16 | 6-9PM

Charles River Red Wing Bay

MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90.

REI Run Series New England GB

5K/10K at World's End

Saturday, May 16 | 10AM-1PM

World's End, Hingham

MEMBERS & NONMEMBERS: \$15.



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Sunset Paddle Tour **GB**

Friday, May 29 | 6-9PM;
Charles River Red Wing Bay
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90

Learn to Kayak **GB**

Sunday, May 31 | 9AM-12NOON & 1-4PM
Charles River Red Wing Bay
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90

Full Moon Paddle **GB**

Tuesday, June 2 | 6-9PM
Charles River Red Wing Bay
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90.

Learn to Kayak **GB**

Saturday, June 6 | 9AM-12NOON & 1-4PM
Crane Beach, Ipswich
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90.

Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard **GB**

Saturday, June 6 | 9AM-1PM
Charles River Red Wing Bay
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90.

Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga **GB**

Saturday 13 | 9AM-12NOON
MEMBERS: \$70. NONMEMBERS: \$90

Learn to Kayak with Tour **GB**

Saturday, June 13 | 9AM-3PM
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Wednesday Volunteer **NE** Workdays in the Garden

April 1-October 28 | 9AM-12NOON
Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover
978.689.9105 x1

Bird Park Sping Clean-up Day **GB**

Saturday, April 11 | 10AM-12PM
Francis William Bird Park, Walpole
508.668.6136

Down and Dirty Trail Projects **GB**

Saturdays, April 11, May 9,
and June 13 | 9AM-1PM
Rocky Woods, Medfield 508.785.0339

Tuesday Work Days in the Garden **B**

April 14-June 26 | Shifts Available:
9-11AM, 1-3PM, and 4-6PM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge
413.298.3239 x3020

Trail Work and Play with AMC **B**

Saturday, April 18 | 9AM-1PM
Chapel Brook, Ashfield 413.532.1631 x10

Tuesday Work Days in the Garden **B**

April 21-September 22 |
Shifts Available: 9-11AM; 1-3PM; and 4-6PM
Mission House, Stockbridge
413.298.3239 x1

Earth Day Coastal Clean Up **NE**

Saturday, April 25 | 10-11:30AM
Coolidge Reservation, Manchester
978.281.8400

Spring Clean-up at Tully **C**

Saturday, April 25 | 9AM-4PM
Tully Lake Campground, Royalston
978.249.4957

Spring Stewardship **PV**

Sunday, May 3 | 11AM-1PM
Mount Warner, Hadley 413.532.1631 x21

Eco-Volunteers **B**

Thursdays, May 7-
November 26 | 9AM-12NOON
Bartholomews Cobble, Sheffield
413.229.8600

Spring Workday **C**

Saturday, May 9 | 1-3PM
Peaked Mountain, Monson 413.532.1631 x21

The BIG CLEAN at Naumkeag **B**

Saturday, May 9 | 9-12AM
Naumkeag, Stockbridge. 413.298.3239 x 3020

Garlic Mustard Pull **B**

Saturday, May 16 | 9-11AM
McLennan Reservation, Tyngham
413.298.3239 x3020

David Sigelman Memorial Workday **PV**

Saturday, May 16 | 1-3PM
Little Tom Mountain, Holyoke, MA
413.532.1631 x21

Garlic Mustard Grab **PV**

Saturday, May 23 | 1-3PM
Dinosaur Footprints, Holyoke
413.532.1631 x21

Community Garden Kick-Off **SE**

Saturday, May 23 | 9AM-12NOON
Westport Town Farm, Westport
508.636.4693 x5003

Spring Stewardship

Saturday, May 30 | 1-3PM
Rock House Reservation, West Brookfield
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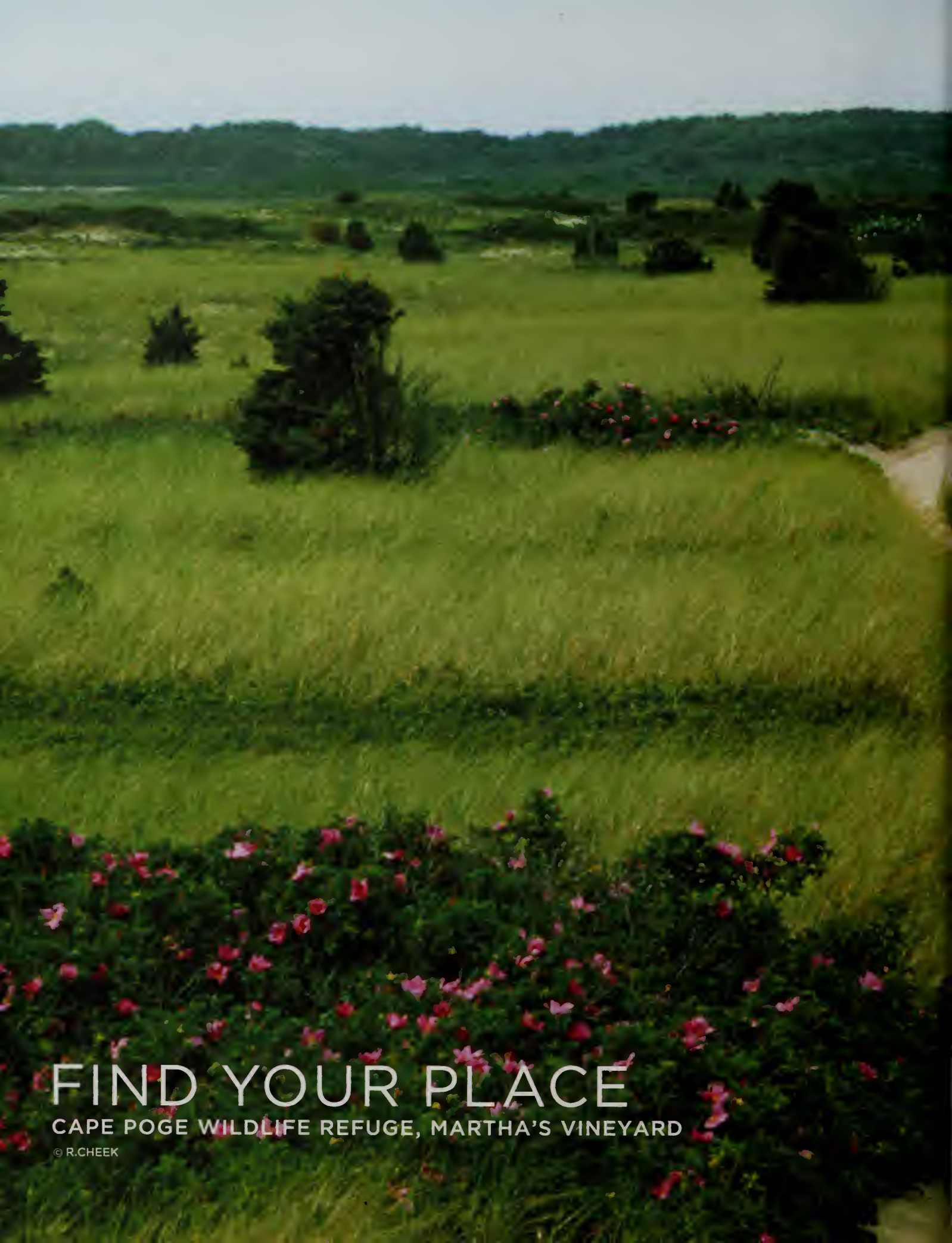
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